Sampark Kranti Express from Madurai

1988. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert the Sampark Kranti Express from Madurai into Daily Express, in view of overwhelming response therefor; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) At present, there is no such proposal.

(b) Not commercially justified.

Incidence of thefts in Railway yards

1989. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of thefts has gone up in Railway yards during the last two years;

(b) if so, the value of goods pilfered, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) the persons held responsible and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check the theft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Incidence of thefts/pilferage in Railway yards has not gone up during the last two years (2003-2004) in comparison to the previous year (2002).

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Facilities to passengers

1990. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for providing facilities to the passengers by the Railways during the year 2004-05 togetherwith the amount likely to be spent during 2005-06;